

GOVERNOR ATKINSON

And Old Soldiers — A Veteran Defends Him Against the Action of Moundsville G. A. R. Post—The Heat and Trust Friend of the Soldier.

SIR:—Some days ago the G. A. R. post at Moundsville, took occasion to denounce Governor Atkinson. Now let us carefully look into this matter and see who it emanates from, whether from the soldiers as a mass or from six or seven soldiers, aided by outsiders, who are not friendly to the governor; and who hunted up these six or seven soldiers and caused them to denounce the governor as they did. In the first place the G. A. R. is not a political organization, consequently this action certainly was not taken with the approval of the post. How this unjust work was done, all good G. A. R. men wish to find out, and the commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. will surely investigate and expose any such work, which is calculated to ruin the G. A. R. Of course it does not injure Governor Atkinson, as the soldiers, widows and orphans, as a mass, will spurn anyone who attempts to injure him or any other man who has stood by them at all times and places, next to our lamented Logan. The indisputable proof of it is that every soldier, widow and orphan that ever asked a favor of Governor Atkinson while he was in Congress, received a reply. He never shirked, but took up their case, and went in person to attend to it. There are now about fifty soldiers filling places in Washington City, who were appointed by Governor Atkinson, more than any other representative from this state secured. Thousands not hundreds of the soldier element of this state today will say if it had not been for the governor they would not be drawing pensions.

He did not confine himself to his own congressional district. He was the only civilian who was ever invited to speak at the Arlington National Cemetery. He has made more Decoration Day addresses than any man who ever lived in West Virginia. He is never idle on that day, but with his own hands, helps to place flowers upon the graves of comrades.

While in Congress, he appointed doctors who had been soldiers, on all the pension boards, and demanded that they give the soldier the benefit of all doubts. He also appointed a soldier postmaster at all the best paying post-offices, at New Cumberland, Wellsburg, Wheeling, Moundsville and Weston. At Clarksburg no soldier asked for the office, and in all the small postoffices he appointed soldiers if he could do so without raising a fuss. He had more than 5,000 claims of West Virginia soldiers made special because of the personal attention given them, and this is why I say no soldier or seven soldiers nor their backers can injure the governor, or turn in the least any one against him. They know their friend and will ever stand by him.

The soldiers, widows and orphans have gratitude, and have a warm place in their hearts for the governor that cannot and will not be disturbed by the few who seek to injure him. Now we will see what he has done in the way of appointments in the state since he has been governor, and this will show all that he has not ignored the soldier. West Virginia has a population of about one million. Of this number there are 13,000 soldiers. There are two soldiers on his staff, seven at the Moundsville prison, two at the hotel to look after the soldier as labor at Weston. They make fourteen that I know of at present. Could the governor do more and keep peace with the remainder of the million of people of the state? He had only twelve state offices to give, and put in two soldiers, consequently any fair minded person who can figure at all will see that the 13,000 soldiers have the best of it as far as appointments are concerned. At no time or place has Governor Atkinson ever slighted the soldier element, always giving them preference or representation when he could do so, and many times caused a fuss by appointing soldier. He has often said to the soldier belongs the spoils when they are capable of filling the offices. There is no room for all, and all are not capable.

On different state boards he has appointed soldiers to give them representation. In one of Governor Atkinson's speeches five or six years ago, he said the time had come when every Union soldier ought to draw a pension, whether disabled or not. Now when these fellows of the Moundsville G. A. R. post passed resolutions denouncing him.

The soldier element as a mass will denounce in the plainest of terms the conduct of the Moundsville G. A. R. post. Also the similar conduct of Reno G. A. R. post of Grafton, in denouncing Senator Elkins and Representative Dayton. Suppose Atkinson, Elkins, Dayton and Dovenor should notice this little work, to whom would the soldier element turn for better friends? They have none. No one would take up their cause for fear of similar treatment. The soldiers will pay no attention to this clique.

The G. A. R. men and soldiers of West Virginia will not stand mute when their best and truest friend, Governor Atkinson is attacked and denounced, and for what? The governor has no government appointments to make; they alone rest with Captain Dovenor. As far as Moundsville is concerned the directors of the penitentiary make all appointments there. The governor cannot and would not think of trying to urge this or any state board to favor any man.

I have a letter from the governor, in which he promised no man, nor would not compromise himself in such a manner with any board for any man. It would not be good policy on his part, and a person with a grain of sense will admit it.

Consequently, the soldiers and their friends will now do all their power, and beyond words, in defeating the governor's enemies who are working this game to oppose him for the United States senate. They will send him, their best and truest friend, to the senate as sure as he lives, if for no other purpose than to show him that his loyalty to them is appreciated and that a good, honest, true man should not be abused and wronged.

A VETERAN SOLDIER.
Not a one or two year soldier.
Wheeling, Sept. 23.

Illustrated American.

In The Illustrated American for September 25, Speaker Reed contributes a sage and timely article on "The New Navy." He reminds us that our most terrible warships must inevitably become antiquated and impotent by comparison with the death-dealing creations of future inventors. Nevertheless, he points out that money spent on the perfecting of the navy, even for the day, is wisely spent—in a word, a necessary insurance. "To Klondike By Sea" by Geraldine Bonner, is a stirring picture of the wharf-side dramas which attend the sailing of a Klondike steamer. In "One Hundred Years of Tennessee," by the Hon. W. P. Brownlow, and in "The Tennessee Centennial," by H. H. Moulton, the lady of the states re-

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ceives abundant attention. In a paper which deserves the attention of our bachelors, Professor Fletcher W. Hewes tells us, with interesting detail, "Where Most Unmarried Women Are." "Cowboy Joe," a story of the Texas trail, by W. Barmby, in revealing a material tragedy in the desert, reflects to the imagination a far-off spiritual tragedy in a quiet English home.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Money on call firm at 2 3/4 per cent; last loan 2 per cent; closed at 2 3/4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4 84 1/2 for demand and at \$4 82 1/2 for sixty days. Posted rates \$4 83 1/4 for 30 and \$4 85 1/4 for 60. Commercial bills \$4 81. Silver certificates 56 1/2 per cent. Bar silver 56 1/2 per cent. Mexican dollars 43c.

The recovery in prices which began yesterday was continued to-day during the earlier part of the session of the stock exchange and the advance of prices of all stocks was apparently in full force again until the afternoon, when the support seemed to be withdrawn from the market and prices fell again to a general level below last night's close. The rise was stimulated by the announcement that a local bank had engaged \$1,000,000 in gold in France for import to this country, making a total with yesterday's engagement of \$2,500,000 gold due to arrive. Receipts of gold reported from San Francisco as arriving there from Australia also helped the recovery. The action of the Bank of England in advancing its rate of discount 1/2 per cent to 2 1/2 per cent, was anticipated in view of the continued depletion of its gold holdings and the additional strength of yesterday's withdrawal for shipment to this country. Yesterday's rise in prices had stimulated the placing of some outside orders with commission houses and their execution was the sustaining factor during the morning. The French gold of Sugar which rose nearly four points on the reported extension of the treasury department to apply the countervailing duty on "Dutch refined sugars," helped along the rise. There was support offered the market all through by heavy buying of some of the bull operators, who have been conspicuous in the recent rise. The effect of the gold import movement was largely dissipated during the day by a skepticism as to its natural character. The exchange bankers who usually handle the movement of gold, both import and export, were unanimous in the opinion that at the ruling rate of sterling and continental exchange here and of gold in London and Paris, there was no profit in the importation of gold, and the figures of most of the gold and the figures of a heavy loss on the operation. Much curiosity was expressed as to the identity of the clients for whom the banks are making the importation and the opinion was quite freely expressed that the operation was designed, entirely to influence the price of stocks. The failure of the exchange market to harden under the announcement was quite noticeable. Equally so was the continued firmness of rates for call money, which became pretty well established on the basis of 3 per cent. As these conditions became more clearly defined the upward movement of prices became checked and there was periods of dullness followed by a steady decline of the morning, the upward course of the morning being almost exactly retraced in the afternoon, so that the net changes for the day only exceed a fraction in a small number of cases. The advance of the morning ranged from 1 to 2 points in nearly all of the active shares. Besides the sharp rise in Sugar, Consolidated Gas at one time was 6 1/2 points up and Brooklyn Union Gas nearly 3 points. There was other gains exceeding the average, but none of them were retained, except Iocking Valley, Delaware & Hudson, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, LaCrosse Gas and Susquehanna & Western preferred, which gained a point or over. The losses also were numerous. The houses also were confined to the case of Brooklyn Union Gas and Baltimore & Ohio among the active stocks. Among the less active stocks gains of a point or over were shown by Cotton Oil preferred, Lake Shore, Minneapolis & St. Louis 2 1/2; do on second preferred; Norfolk & Western preferred; Oregon Navigation preferred and Pullman. Rumors were disseminated late in the day that further engagements for gold for import had been made, but they exercised no influence on the market.

Dealing in bonds showed a falling off in volume and prices moved in sympathy with stocks. Total sales, \$2,800,000.

United States new 4's advanced 3/4 per cent.

The total sales of stock to-day were \$4,400,000.

Evening Post's London financial cablegram:

The change in the discount rate of the Bank of England announced to-day had no effect on the stock markets, having been fully anticipated. Indeed, it is believed that the rate would have been raised to 3 per cent, but for the fact that the treasury bills amounting to \$2,000,000 are to be issued next week.

The feature in the markets to-day was the speedy revival in Americans, the disposition as called here and on the continent to buy on a decline being unmistakable to-day. Prices closed at the best. Union Pacific and Reading were especially strong. Grand Trunk and Canada Pacific were also good. Mines were better.

Opinions as to the date of the next shipment of gold to New York differed widely. Every one is saying that the movement is entirely exceptional, but will probably not be repeated, but the shrewd ones prefer to hold their opinions in suspense pending the course of the New York money market.

Details of the gold movement for the

week show the receipt of 10,000 from Australia, the export of 150,000 pounds to the continent of 26,000 pounds to Egypt and 20,000 pounds to South America, and the sale of 701,000 pounds in bars and eagles. Of this latter amount about 500,000 pounds was for Russia, where a considerable industrial revival is said to be going on.

Local discount market is unsettled by the change in the bank rate, but is still comparatively easy.

The Paris and Berlin markets were better.

STOCKS AND BONDS QUOTATIONS.

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